

## COLD FACTS PRESENTED

Miners of Wichita Mountains Receive Encouragement.

EXPERTS GAVE EVIDENCE

Gold Assays \$8.00 a Ton in Ordinary Samples.

Lawton, O. T., May 14.—Things are beginning to come in a way satisfactory to the miners of the Wichita mountains. People of the effect east as well as the inhabitants of Missouri have been decidedly sceptical concerning the value of ores in the mountains of the new country. It presented with a gold brick, they would gather the impression that it was some common substance electro-plated.

Yet this is not surprising when we remember how in the past two years some of our more cheerful and unphosphated lars have sold of getting gold nuggets weighing 18 pounds and that the Wichita mountains were simply one solid mass of material.

Recently there was a mineral decision in the Lawton land office which puts the cold facts in a forcible light. The hearing was ordered by the general land office of records of a showing made by the Wildman Mining and Mining company concerning the mineral value of a tract of land adjoining the town of Wildman. The defendant had made proof and sold to Ellen M. Briggs who defended the suit.

The defendant wanted expert testimony at the hearing, and wanted the samples and had them secured by Professors De Barr and Tucker of the university of Oklahoma, at Norman. It is not presumed that the defense sought samples that would produce gold. The professors had no interest in the matter and under oath certainly stated cold facts as they found them. The defense was somewhat surprised when these experts found that those samples assayed \$8.00 per ton in gold. The mining company had put down a number of shafts on this claim. The office had to hold that the land was more valuable for mineral than agricultural purposes. This is the most important victory that has come to the miners. If the party that did not want to find any gold, could not find any samples that would assay less than \$8.00 per ton there must be some good stuff in that neck of the woods.

U. C. T. ADJOURN.

Elect Officers, Complete Their Business and Are Entertained.

Oklahoma City, O. T., May 14.—The Commercial travelers have completed their work in this city, and tonight they are being entertained at a grand concert at the opera house.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows:  
Past grand counselor, Wm. L. Stalons, Jackson, Kan.  
Grand counselor, W. D. Mawry, Cherryvale, Kan.  
Grand past counselor, G. G. Hamilton, Pittsburg, Kan.  
Grand junior counselor, F. B. Gatchell, Topeka, Kan.  
Grand secretary, P. G. Wakenhut, Salina, Kan.  
Grand treasurer, L. C. Mole, Emporia, Kan.  
Grand conductor, W. H. Cook, Wichita, Kan.  
Grand page, W. W. Cleland, Lawrence, Kan.  
Grand sentinel, Geo. C. Irvan, Hutchinson, Kan.

Topeka, Hutchinson, Salina and Independence were the next to the next meeting was finally awarded to Independence, Kan.

Today's program was as follows:  
9:30 a. m.—Secret session of the grand council.  
10:30 a. m.—Meeting of subordinate councils at Masonic hall for the initiation of candidates and other business.

1:30 p. m.—Grand parade of grand and subordinate councils, headed by Marshal's military band. R. J. Haus, Grand marshal; R. H. Harrelson, assistant grand marshal; J. Frank Rice, R. B. Alexander and C. E. Thomas, aides.

2:30 p. m.—Diversified entertainment at Colcord park.  
8:30 p. m.—Grand concert at opera house by Independence (Kansas) band.

WILL BE A JUBILEE.

Fifteenth Anniversary of Methodism in Oklahoma City to Be Observed.

Oklahoma City, O. T., May 14.—The fifteenth anniversary of Methodism in Oklahoma City will be celebrated by a jubilee rally and dedication of the First Methodist Episcopal church on June 5.

A splendid series of services for that day have been arranged by Rev. Frank E. Day, pastor, and the general services will be conducted by Joseph W. Powell of Buffalo, N. Y., an eminent churchman who is known from ocean to ocean as "the remarkable layman in Methodism," a leader in the Epworth League and Sunday school work, national organizer of the Brotherhood of St. Paul and a man with special gifts for work among men. Mr. Powell will speak at every service.

Mr. Powell, a vocalist of much talent accompanies Mr. Powell and is one of the program for two numbers.

Oklahoma City Methodists are arranging to make the day famous in the annals of the denomination in Oklahoma.

WELLINGTON WINS A GAME.

Defeats Normal Team at Alva by 16 to 9.

Alva, O. T., May 14.—The Wellington base ball team crossed bats in the normal arena today with the normal base ball team and won an easy victory over the Alva boys by a score of 16 to 9. The Wellington team was met at the station by the regimental brass band and was escorted by it and a large crowd of normal students to the arena. A return game will probably be arranged for an early date.

GAVE A STREET PARADE.

Ponca City Will Have Three Wells Sunk for Oil.

Guthrie, O. T., May 14.—The Ponca City Courier states that a unique procession appeared on the streets of Ponca City, and for the time being attracted all eyes. Never before had such a sight been seen in the city, and it was looked upon as

the beginning of a new order of things. First came a six-horse team attached to trucks bearing the big boiler for the steam engine which is to furnish the power for the drills, then a four-horse team with the engine, and these were followed by wagons loaded with drills, piping, cables, timbers and other paraphernalia which go to make up a complete drilling outfit. In all there were thirty-seven trucks, though some had gone on ahead of the main procession. The horses and wagons were decorated with flags and banners and the whole presented an object lesson of the magnitude of the enterprise which has been inaugurated by the Ponca City Oil, Gas and Mineral company.

The company has let the contract for three wells to be sunk on its leases east of the city, and the work is now under way. The contractors are men who have had long experience in the work and understand their business thoroughly, and it may reasonably be expected that it will not be many days before they ascertain what is in the earth under the rich soil of Kay county.

BANKS IS ACQUITTED.

He Thought He Had an Interest in the Property.

Enid, O. T., May 14.—D. L. P. Banks, colored, attorney, and associated in the publication of the Oklahoma Star, the official organ of the colored people of Oklahoma, was found not guilty of the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, for which he was tried yesterday in the district court, by Judge Irwin. The jury returned a verdict this morning, and the colored man was discharged, says the Eagle.

Banks was charged with making a warranty deed for a piece of property in the city to another colored man, in which he had no rights nor title.

There is a litigation over the ownership of the lot, which will come up for trial this term of court.

OFF FOR TEXAS.

Norman Students Attend the Track Meet at Bryant.

Norman, O. T., May 14.—Thomas H. Tribby, John Darling and Hugh Carroll left yesterday afternoon for Bryant, Texas, to attend the annual track meet of the university in the track meet and athletic contest at that place.

This is the first time that the university has been represented in the Southwestern Athletic association and the boys hope to make a creditable showing in this event.

This association is composed of the university of Texas, university of Arkansas and three denominational colleges of Texas, this making the sixth member. The contest this year is held at Bryant and will be an important event in the history of the colleges interested.

The university, although it is unable to send more than three representatives, hopes to carry off a few of the events, as all three of the representatives hold some excellent records.

SMALL BOYS PLAYING.

Result is the Burn of a Farmer Is Burned.

Guthrie, O. T., May 14.—The Helena (Woods county) Herald states that Wednesday afternoon, about 5 o'clock some small boys were playing in the lot of C. M. Brewster's barn. A lighted match carelessly thrown down fell into the hay in the manger and before the boys could get down the fire was beyond control. Some men who happened to be near pulled the buggy out in time to save it, but a set of harness, some tools, a sewing machine, some feed and other articles were destroyed. Fortunately the horse was out of the lot and was caught before it could run into the burning building.

Although a hard wind was blowing it was not in the right direction to blow the flames toward any other buildings. A large force of men carried water and wet the roof and sides of Mr. Brewster's residence, but it was not needed.

ARAPAHOE INDIANS TO ST. LOUIS

Children and All Will Spend Summer in Camp There.

El Reno, O. T., May 14.—Twenty-two families of Arapahoe Indians left this place for St. Louis, where they will spend the summer at the world's fair, says the Democrat. They took with them everything needed for camp life, including about a car load of willows to be used in constructing their summer teepees.

The company was under charge of Chas. Varden, an educationist, and the Indian educational exhibit.

Tomorrow another band of seven Cheyenne families will go from here to St. Louis on the same mission.

BURNED TO THE GROUND.

Lightning Strikes a Barn and Kills a Fine Stallion.

Clinton, O. T., May 14.—During a rain and electrical storm Thursday afternoon the barn of L. A. Guy was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. One of his fine imported Shire stallions was burned. Mr. Guy was badly burned in his efforts to save the horse. Loss, about \$2,000.

About the same time in the south part of town the residence of Prof. L. B. Sluder was also struck, knocking off part of the chimney and tearing a fifth shingle in two places from the peak to the eaves, passing down into the house and killing the rooms with soot. Fortunately none of the family was injured.

WOULD SECURE ENCAMPMENT.

Lawton Thinks Fort Sill the Proper Place for It.

Lawton, O. T., May 14.—An effort was begun by the citizens of the city today to secure the annual encampment of the national guard for Fort Sill. The officers of the engineering corps will take the matter up with the adjutant and the governor and if necessary a committee of citizens will be appointed to call on these gentlemen.

Causes Fewer Applications.

Guthrie, O. T., May 14.—A Woodward dispatch says the county commissioners have made arrangements with W. W. Parsons, of Curtis, for the caring of the poor of the county. Hereafter these desiring aid will be referred to this place, where they will receive such aid as is usually extended to such persons. This plan has been successfully carried out in other counties, and has a great tendency to reduce the number applying for aid.

Will Bore for Oil.

Guthrie, O. T., May 14.—The Prague Patriot states that W. G. Shearer, the oil man, arrived in Prague, Thursday morning, on his way to Arlington to erect a derrick and begin boring for oil. And is confident of obtaining oil, as it has been obtained north of there and Arlington is just north of Prague a few miles.

## DR. E. G. SHARPE TAKES A WIFE

Vice President of Territorial Board of Health Weds.

WILL BE AT HOME JULY 1

Beautiful Wedding Takes Place at Bride's Home.

Guthrie, O. T., May 14.—Dr. Erle G. Sharpe, of Guthrie, vice president of the territorial board of health and member of the territorial board of medical examiners, surprised his friends by the announcement last Monday of his wedding Sunday at Lahoma, in Garfield county, to Mrs. Luella M. Gilbert, of Carterville, Mo., an estimable lady of that city. The wedding occurred at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hill, the bride being her sister, Dr. and Mrs. Sharpe left at once for Chicago on a honeymoon trip, and will also see the world's fair while away. They will be at home in Guthrie after July 1. Dr. Sharpe is one of the best known medical practitioners in eastern and central Oklahoma, and his connection with the territorial boards has made him a prominent figure throughout the territory.

A quiet wedding, which will doubtless surprise everyone, says the Oklahomaian, was celebrated on Monday evening, May 2, at the home of Mrs. A. E. Connelley, it being that of her sister, Miss Sallie Stuart and Mr. Floyd Parish of Huntsville, Tex. Rev. Mr. Harper of the Pilgrim Congregational church performed the ceremony, which occurred at 9 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Connelley and her son, Charlie Connelley, being the only witnesses. The bride wore a simple and girlish white frock.

The wedding was the culmination of a romance, the bride and groom having been sweethearts for years at Huntsville, where they both grew up. Last week Mr. Parish came to Oklahoma City and his bride met him unexpectedly down town and the wedding was arranged. Miss Stuart has resided here with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Connelley, for the past year, and is a sweet and popular girl.

As the wedding was so unpremeditated it was decided not to announce it until the groom should be ready to take his bride home, which he did Monday afternoon, taking her to Huntsville, Texas, to visit the parents of both, after which they will go to Denver, Colo., which will be their future home. Mr. Parish is a rising young electrician of Denver.

Marriage licenses issued during the last week at Alva: Benjamin Earl Hood, Lambert, and Edna A. Viers, Carmen; Samuel N. Cox, Alva; Lewis, Alva; Geo. W. Baxter and Clara M. Annis, Freedom; Henry G. Kroecker, Inman, Kansas; and Maggie Pankratz, Alva, Oklahoma; Herman H. Ralstaf and Agnes Butler, Fairview; Chas. H. Sigler, Cordell, Oklahoma; and Nellie Sater, Lambert.

Married, Sunday, at the home of the bride's parents, in Kingfisher, by Rev. Bailey, Mr. Arthur Duncan and Miss Enid M. Meyers. Only a few intimate friends of the family were present.

Marriage licenses were issued during the week at Cheyenne to J. G. Luper and Miss Mollie Medley, both of Elk City; Samuel G. Gamble of Grimes and Mary P. Campbell of Elk City; Jesse H. Bryan and Miss Buford Wallace, both of Cheyenne.

Married, April 24, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake O'Neal, at Phoenix, in Woods county, Miss Dottie O'Neal and Mr. James Dodson of Elk City, Squire Condey officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd of friends from whom they received many useful and valuable presents.

Says the El Reno Democrat: A marriage license was issued, Wednesday evening, by Judge Phelps, to Eugene Moore and Miss Carrie Evans, both of Yukon. The license was issued by Probate Clerk Hurry yesterday to Eugene Moore of Yukon, O. T., and Miss Laura Edwards of Oklahoma City. They were married by Justice D. C. Leach. The license issued in this city has not been returned, and if there is only one Eugene Moore at Yukon it will be in order for him to explain what became of that license.

The Shawnee News states that Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. A. C. Finney, in the east part of Shawnee, took place the wedding of Miss May Finney and Ralph Voorhees. The ceremony was one of those sacred home affairs which lend so much sanctity to the marriage relation, and Rev. F. A. Caldwell of the Grace M. E. church officiated in a pleasing manner. Only relatives and intimate friends were included in the list of guests, and congratulations were freely bestowed. A number of splendid gifts showed the esteem in which the young couple is held. The bride couple at once began their married life in the pretty home which the groom had prepared east of the city.

At Perry, Thursday, Frank T. Shaffer and Miss Mamie Gurnam, both of Noble county, were granted a license to marry.

A very pretty wedding took place at Chackankin, Sunday afternoon, in the parlors of the Hotel Midway. Rev. W. B. Leonard spoke the words he united the lives of George W. Stow, of Norman, and Miss Jennie V. Appleby, of Tuttle. They departed on the afternoon train for Norman, their future home.

Marriage licenses were issued at Enid Tuesday by Judge Garber to Thomas E. Mansfield and Bertha Gurnerson, of Kremlin. Also John Blanton and Lulu Shanks of Enid.

Wednesday evening last at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allen, at Enid, Mrs. James E. Turk and Miss Maud Allen were joined in matrimony by the Rev. Hale, pastor of the First Baptist church, in the presence of 50 relatives and friends. After the ceremony a wedding feast was served, Mr. and Mrs. Turk are now at home at 1133 Cherokee street, says the Events.

To Alva for Trial.

Alva, O. T., May 14.—B. H. Hunkett, who disappeared suddenly about four years ago, charged with selling a large number of mortgaged cattle, has at last been run down and will be brought to Alva to stand trial. Sheriff Oates has been on his track for some time and caught him in Louisiana.

west corner of Ninth street and Wyatt avenue, Kingfisher, Rev. Dwight S. Bayley being the officiating clergyman. They will be at home in Coffeyville, Kansas, after June 1st. Kingfisher has been the home of Mr. Duncan since he was a schoolboy. Miss Meyers' family came to this city about four years ago.

Cards have been received announcing the nuptials of S. Bernstein, of Chicago, and Miss Bessie Althausen, of this city, on the 25th of May. The ceremony will take place at Nettlerwood hall, says the El Reno Democrat.

Says the Helena Herald: Everett B. Coppage surprised his many friends here by turning up Saturday, and still more so when he told them that he was married. Last Friday he and Miss Bertha Vance, accompanied by a few relatives and friends, went over to Enid and the happy young people were made husband and wife.

The Billings News says: At the residence of the bride's parents, near Elmer, last Sunday afternoon, the bride being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGuckey, of Billings, and Miss Lou McGuckey, of Billings, and Miss Lou McGuckey, of Billings, were married.

Jesse H. Bryan and Miss Buford Wallace, of Cheyenne, were married Thursday afternoon at the residence of the bride's uncle, Richard Adams.

At Enid, O. T., May 8, by Rev. Walter, of the Presbyterian church, Otto E. Markinghaus and Frances E. Skadden, both of Enid.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of A. W. Ackers and wife, south of Curtis, last Sunday afternoon, the bride being their only daughter, Mary, while the groom was George G. Tannahill, who owns a farm south of Curtis.

Mr. Edmund Brazell and Miss Pearl Telow, two well known young people of Lamont, were married last week.

On the 7th inst. marriage was issued at Cheyenne for the marriage of C. O. Hibbs of Weatherford, and Rhoda Carter of Elk City. The ceremony was performed at the court house, Judge Houston officiating. The happy couple left for a trip to West Virginia. On their return they will reside at Weatherford.

At the residence of the bride's parents, in Medford, Sunday evening, May 8, the wedding of Miss Ethel Henderson and Carrie Thacker took place, Rev. McQuerry, Baptist minister of Medford, officiating. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few intimate friends and relatives being present.

The Woodward News in its Venus News announces that Lella Long and Paul Wright were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's father, W. H. Long, Rev. Hayes officiating.

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## TO OVERCOME POTATO ROT

Interest Has Been Created Among the Farmers.

TO PRESERVE VEGETABLES

Has a Process That Will Keep Them the Year Round.

Perry, O. T., May 14.—Considerable interest has been created in Noble county lately in the making known of a process whereby potatoes, onions and other vegetables may be successfully kept from season to season without danger of decay. J. W. Harrison, a farmer of Perry, O. T., has after repeated efforts for years, discovered a remedy which stops the rot of potatoes, both wet and dry, by a scientific process and keeps them in a perfect state from season to season. The remedy is simple, harmless and easily applied to large and small quantities and inexpensive. The business men and farmers say that Harrison's discovery will revolutionize the farming industry of the southwest, as the climate and soil are well adapted to potato growing. Oklahoma is attracting potato growers from other states and it is predicted that thousands of acres of potatoes will be planted next year. In 1903 over \$250,000 worth of potatoes were received for the early crop, according to the governor's report to the secretary of the interior. This season in Noble, Lawrence, Payne, Lincoln and Pottawatomie counties the largest acreage of potatoes ever attempted in Oklahoma has been planted and the outlook for a large yield is very encouraging.

CONCERNING POLL TAX.

Big Discount Given for Early Payment of the Claim.

Lawton, O. T., May 14.—The city council of this city recently made a ruling whereby poll taxes may be paid by their holders before June 15, be relieved from the payment of four dollars by the payment of two. This was done in order that the tax fund might be sufficiently replenished to justify the street commissioner in proceeding with the grading of streets and to aid those who find it difficult to pay the regular amount. After June 15 all delinquents will be required to pay the usual four dollars.

ADOPTED THE PLANS.

Dr. Jones of Perry Reports on the Medical Society Hearings.

Perry, O. T., May 14.—Dr. Fred J. Jones has just returned from the Oklahoma medical society meeting at Oklahoma City and reports that the society adopted the plans advocated by the American medical association and reorganized the Territorial association. The report of the committee on the Cowdick investigation, Territorial superintendent was received and the committee discharged without further action. The society being of the opinion that the charges could not be sustained.

THIRD ANNUAL INSTITUTE.

Kiowa County Will Open the Work at Snyder June 6.

Guthrie, O. T., May 14.—W. Baxter, territorial superintendent of schools has received the program for the third annual institute of Kiowa county which will be held in Snyder beginning June 6th and closing July 2. Supt. W. P. Stewart will be conductor and May Wells, model teacher. Instructors will be A. L. Price, Roy Wolfinger and M. M. Woodson. The institute will open each day at 7:30 in the morning and be a continuous session until 12:20.

ELKS WILL BUILD.

Are Looking for a Good Location for Their Structure.

El Reno, O. T., May 14.—The Elks of El Reno are looking about for a location for a \$10,000 building which they propose to erect in this city, and the question of buying the old court house site, which will be sold early in July, is being considered. The location is as good as any in the city—a location that will be greatly helped by the building of the Carnegie library in the adjacent block.

GIVES SPLENDID RECEPTION.

Juniors at Alva Normal Entertain the Seniors.

Alva, O. T., May 14.—The members of the junior class gave a splendid reception to the members of the senior class on Friday night in the normal reception room. The rooms were handsomely decorated and a pleasant program was carried out. The juniors maintained their usual reputation as entertainers and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. The seniors who were the recipients of their hospitality.

COAL PRODUCING CENTER.

Perry Will Soon Rank Among the Fuel Producers.

Perry, O. T., May 14.—The vein of coal recently discovered on the Kenton farm north of Perry has been developed for a distance of fifteen feet on the vein and has increased from a two inch to a fourteen inch vein of an exceedingly good quality. Development work will be continued and it is expected that Perry will have to be reckoned with as one of the great coal producing centers of the new state of Oklahoma.

GRAND JURY REPORTS.

Gave its Findings Concerning Woods County Court House.

Alva, O. T., May 14.—The grand jury has brought in the following report of the court house contract:  
We, as a grand jury, find that on the 7th day of January, 1904, that the county commissioners entered into a written contract for the erection of a court house and jail in Woods county, and that the two commissioners, J. W. Jones and C. A. Brewer had secret meetings with F. G. Bonville and J. J. Huddart, after which in the back part of the First National Bank at Alva, that they thereupon entered into representations made by F. G. Bonville and J. J. Huddart and others, that they did not investigate the matter in any way to protect the interest of the tax payers of the county. That they understood at the last meeting, the early part of January, 1904, that a proposition of \$20,000 was to be made to the commis-

sioners at their regular meeting, and that they—the commissioners—then had offered to pay \$20,000 for the court house as shown by the plans then presented to them. That the other members of the board of commissioners, C. I. Overstreet had no notice or information of any kind that a proposition was to be submitted, and that no effort was made by the commissioners, as a board to obtain the lowest bid for the erection of such court house. And that J. W. Jones and C. A. Brewer had made no effort of any kind to inform themselves as to the actual value of the building for which they were contracting, and that the \$20,000 in coupons were signed and delivered to F. G. Bonville without his having given any bond or security of any kind to secure his faithful performance of the contract.

J. J. CUSTAR,  
Foreman of the Grand Jury.  
CAPT. CLARK ASSIGNED.  
Will Be Commandant at the Military Institute.

Oklahoma City, O. T., May 14.—Capt. Dillard H. Clark, U. S. A., has been assigned commandant of the Oklahoma state military institute. Capt. Clark is a graduate of West Point and has served some prominent schools, having been detailed at the university of Illinois, state college at Lexington, Kentucky, state college of Pennsylvania and the university of Florida. He is a man of fine military bearing and completely versed in the management of boys. His acquisition materially strengthened the faculty. This appointment insures the success of the military department, one of the most important features of the school.

The faculty has been further strengthened by the appointment of Capt. J. Jones, formerly of Alabama, to the English department. Capt. Jones is a graduate of the university of Alabama, the Auburn Polytechnic school and Vanderbilt university. He is an able scholar and a brilliant orator. His selection to fill this chair means that this important subject will be ably handled.

Many inquiries are being received by Col. Dunn, and the attendance in September will tax the capacity of the school to its utmost.

The cadets are preparing for commencement and final examinations. School closes June 18, and opens for the fall term September 7.

Capt. Clark has instituted the setting up drill at 6 a. m., out of doors, which will benefit the crops from a physical standpoint.

The institution is receiving a fine set of physical apparatus including X-ray and wireless telegraphy outfits, also a chemical set and a fine astronomical telescope and 4 inches aperture. These aids will add considerable interest to the scientific course.

FARMERS HOLD MEETING.

Elect a Delegate to Attend the Topeka Meeting.

Blackwell, O. T., May 14.—The Farmers' Co-operative Shipping association met, to the number of about 10